(b) The question of implementing action plans for cleaning other rivers can be considered only in due course depending on the experience of the Ganga Action Plan and the availability of funds.

Japanese Credit for NTC

1729. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring the possibilities of availing Japanese credit to finance the modernisation of the National Textile Corporation (NTC);

(b) if so, what are the details of the ailing NTC mills at present in the country;

(c) what are the details of the programme made to make them profit making concern; and

(d) what further efforts Government propose to take to contain the losses of the NTC and to improve its performance?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year 1987-88, 116 mills under NTC incurred net loss.

(c) and (d). NTC has formulated a turn-around strategy based on restructuring of unviable mills, selective modernisation with institutional finance, product upgradation and rationalisation of excess labour based on voluntary resignations.

Exchange Rate of Rupee

1730. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India participates in the United Nations project for the calculation of purchasing power parity rates for currencies; and

(b) if so, the exchange rate and parity rate of rupee-dollar, rupee-yuan (Chinese), rupee-yen and rupee-sterling pound (U.K.) for the latest year available.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exchange rates per US dollar and the purchasing power parity for India, Japan, U.K. and U.S.A. are given below:

Country	Exchange Rate	Purchasing Power parity
India Rs.	7.863	3.2964
Japan (Yen)	226.740	240.09
U.K. (Pound)	0.4303	0.48723
U.S.A. (Dollar)	1.0000	1.0000

(SOURCE: U. N. Publication on World Comparison of Purchasing Power and Real Product for 1980).

China is not participating in the programme.

Bank Frauds

1731. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks suffered a loss of Rs. 41 crores due to frauds in 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check these frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has intimated that during the year 1987, 28 Public Sector Banks have reported to it 1902 cases of frauds, irrespective of the dates of their occurrence, involving an